

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of misappropriation of public resources and abuse of the public trust.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When a large company such as Sinclair misuses our airwaves to present biased information, and doesn't solicit or enable a diversity of viewpoints, they abuse their privilege and abandon their responsibility to the public. We get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Especially at such a divisive time in American politics, it is vitally important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. I urge the FCC to closely monitor and act decisively to prevent companies like Sinclair Broadcasting from hijacking our airwaves with their biased messages. Companies that misuse our airwaves should have their licenses revoked. Thank you.